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Total Questions: 40

Time: 1 hour

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- All questions are compulsory.
- Read the instructions on the **ANSWER SHEET** and fill in your **NAME, CLASS** and **OTHER INFORMATION**.
- To mark your choice of answer by darkening the circles in the **ANSWER SHEET**, use a **BLUE/BLACK BALL PEN** only.
- You **MUST** record your answers on the **ANSWER SHEET** only.
- There are **40 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**. Use the information provided to choose the **BEST** possible answer among the four options. On your **ANSWER SHEET** fill in the circle that matches your answer.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ **MARK** will be deducted for every **WRONG ANSWER**.
- Return the **ANSWER SHEET** to the invigilator at the end of the examination.
- You are **NOT** allowed to use a calculator. You may use a ruler and spare paper for rough work.



This question paper contains a total of 40 questions divided into two sections—A and B.
Read the instructions carefully before answering these questions.

Section A (Subject Specific)

1. Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the following sentence:

Pari always _____ at 6 a.m. every day.

- (A) get up (B) gets up
(C) got up (D) getting up

2. Which of the following verbs will correctly complete the sentence?

Sunita is very funny. She is always _____ jokes.

- (A) expressing (B) telling
(C) offering (D) cracking

3. Complete the following sentence using the correct subject-verb agreement:

Either you or he _____ to attend the seminar.

- (A) has (B) have
(C) having (D) have had

4. Which of the following can be used to complete the given sentence correctly?

They didn't reach an agreement _____ their differences.

- (A) on account (B) due to
(C) because (D) owing

5. Complete the given sentence by choosing the correctly spelt word from the following:

It seems a _____ step which has been taken by the authorities.

- (A) consciuss (B) consceous
(C) conscios (D) conscientious

6. Fill in the blank to complete the following sentence using a suitable form of the verb:

After we _____ (eat) our lunch, we went to the zoo.

- (A) had eaten (B) would have eaten
(C) ate (D) none of these

7. Choose the correct collective noun to complete the following sentence:

Swara doesn't know how to deal with that _____ of crooks.

- (A) pack (B) bunch
(C) choir (D) panel



8. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the sentence:
Are you prepared to say it _____ his face?
(A) down (B) upon
(C) at (D) to
9. Fill in the blank with auxiliary verbs from the choices given below:
The class _____ not yet begun.
(A) do (B) does
(C) have (D) has
10. Choose the appropriate form of the verb to complete the following sentence:
She _____ TV when her father came.
(A) watch (B) was watching
(C) is watching (D) watched
11. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the following sentence:
This material is superior _____ that.
(A) to (B) than
(C) or (D) for
12. Choose the appropriate word to complete the following sentence:
We have not had _____ of mangoes this season.
(A) much (B) some
(C) a little (D) most
13. Choose the word which is most similar in meaning to the word "DENT".
(A) Reduction (B) Book
(C) Depression (D) Split
14. Which of these interjections expresses "Applause"?
(A) Yippee! (B) Bravo!
(C) What! (D) Hi!
15. Who takes care of sick people?
(A) Librarian (B) Postman
(C) Nurse (D) Policeman
16. Choose the correct conjunction to complete the following sentence:
Make haste. You will miss the bus.
(A) Or (B) Otherwise
(C) and (D) Yet





17. Choose the correct antonym for the following word:

Awful

- (A) Delicious (B) Bad
(C) Nice (D) All of these

18. Which part of the following parts of the sentence acts as a phrase?

'He returned at sunset.'

- (A) He returned (B) He returned at
(C) At sunset (D) Returned at Sunset

19. Fill in the given adverb at the correct place in the following sentence:

The coach will agree to the players' proposal. (ultimately)

- (A) The coach **ultimately** will agree to the players' proposal.
(B) The coach will agree **ultimately** to the players' proposal.
(C) The coach will **ultimately** agree to the players' proposal.
(D) The coach will agree to the players' **ultimately** proposal.

20. Choose the option with the correct meaning of the following idiom:

Dance to someone's tune

- (A) Argue with others on petty matters (B) Delay in making a decision
(C) Do what others want you to do (D) Be engaged in an energetic activity

21. Which of the following options correctly explains the given proverb?

Beauty is only skin deep.

- (A) A person's character is more important than his appearance.
(B) Only a person with a beautiful skin is beautiful.
(C) Beauty is only on the skin.
(D) None of these

22. Which of the following is the correct passive form of the given sentence?

Did he narrate the story?

- (A) Did the story narrated by him? (B) Was the story being narrated by him?
(C) Was the story narrated by him? (D) Had the story been narrated by him?

23. Choose the correctly punctuated form of the following sentence:

hurrah india has won the world cup

- (A) Hurrah! India has won the world cup!
(B) Hurrah. India has won the world cup.
(C) hurrah! India has won the World cup.
(D) Hurrah! India has won the World Cup.





24. Choose the correct passive voice form of the following sentence:

The king gave him a reward.

- (A) A reward was given to him by the king.
- (B) He was given a reward by a king.
- (C) He was given the reward by a king.
- (D) He was given by the king the reward.

25. Choose the correct indirect speech for the following sentence:

The manager said to the workman, "I cannot pay you higher wages."

- (A) The manager told the workman that he could not pay him higher wages.
- (B) The manager told the workman that he could not be paid higher wages.
- (C) The manager forbade the workman to pay higher.
- (D) All of these

Read the following stanza and answer the questions from 26 to 28:

Innocence stolen without my permission;
Innocence gone without my submission.
Innocence lost through another's plan;
Innocence no longer for another man.
Innocence turned to hatred and fear;
Innocence gone, no man can come near.
Innocence taken from a little girl's heart;
Innocence replaced by mistrust,
You thought you were smart.
Innocence disappears like dew in the sun;
Innocence faded before it's begun.
Innocence obscured like a cloud over the moon;
Innocence ripped away too soon.

26. What is the mood of the poet about the lost innocence?

- (A) The poet is in a plaintive mood on lost innocence.
- (B) The poet is feeling bad.
- (C) The poet is joyful about the lost innocence.
- (D) The poet is feeling depressed.

27. What has taken the place of innocence?

- (A) Hatred
- (B) Fear
- (C) Mistrust
- (D) All of these





28. What is the theme of the poem?
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| (A) Innocence is lost | (B) We have become smart |
| (C) Mistrust is everywhere | (D) All of these |

Instruction: Q. 29 to 33 are two-key based questions having four options A, B, C and D out of which TWO are correct.

29. Which of the following sentences are in present indefinite tense?
- (A) They don't go to the church every day.
 (B) He is not dancing now.
 (C) We have been staying here for years.
 (D) She reads a book.

30. What does the following phrasal verb mean?

Make something up:

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| (A) To make something | (B) Invent |
| (C) To get something erected | (D) Lie about something |

31. What will be the passive form of the following sentence?

She is writing her father a letter.

- (A) Her father is writing a letter to her.
 (B) Her father is being written a letter by her.
 (C) A letter is being written to her father by her.
 (D) A letter is being written to her by her father.

32. Select the words that can replace the one given in bold in the following sentence:

Her retirement party featured many **paean**s for her long years of service to the company.

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| (A) Tributes | (B) Indictment |
| (C) Citations | (D) Censure |

33. Which of the following punctuation symbols are omitted in indirect speech?

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| (A) Full stop | (B) Colon |
| (C) Comma | (D) Inverted commas |

Section B (Competency Enhancement)

34. Which of the following words introduce adverb clauses of condition?

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| (A) If | (B) Whether |
| (C) That | (D) Both (A) and (B) |



35. Choose the correct word which can be used to join the following sentences:

I will speak to him. I will meet him.

- (A) Who
- (B) What
- (C) Where
- (D) When

36. What is the gerund phrase in the sentence “By breaking down your day into smaller, manageable chunks of time, you can eliminate distractions and stay focused on the task at hand”?

- (A) Breaking down
- (B) Manageable chunks
- (C) Eliminate distractions
- (D) Stay focused

37. Which sentence is a compound sentence?

- (A) By creating a schedule, you can ensure that you are giving equal attention to all aspects of your life.
- (B) We all have the same 24 hours in a day, but some people are able to accomplish more than others.
- (C) Furthermore, time management can also help you achieve a better work-life balance.
- (D) Time is a precious resource that we cannot afford to waste.

38. Identify the correct passive voice of the following sentence from the options given below:

Effective time management can help you reduce stress, increase efficiency, and achieve your goals.

- (A) You can be helped in reducing stress, increasing efficiency, and achieving your goals by effective time management.
- (B) Reduction in stress, increase in efficiency, and achieving your goals can help you by effective time management.
- (C) Effective time management can be helped in reducing stress, increase efficiency, and achieve your goals by you.
- (D) All of these

39. Identify the figure of speech used in the bold phrase of the following sentence:

It **takes years to reach office** in metropolitan cities like Delhi.

- (A) Metaphors
- (B) Personification
- (C) Hyperbole
- (D) Imagery

40. Match the following columns to make compound words:

Column I	Column II
(p) Blue	(i) Shelf
(q) Any	(ii) Over
(r) Book	(iii) Fish
(s) More	(iv) Time

- (A) p→(ii), q→(iv), r→(iii), s→(i)
- (B) p→(iii), q→(i), r→(iv), s→(ii)
- (C) p→(iii), q→(iv), r→(i), s→(ii)
- (D) p→(iv), q→(i), r→(iii), s→(ii)



